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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**

**FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

**CATHY A. CATTERSON**

**U.S. COURT OF APPEALS**

TERRI A. ALWARD; et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BURRELLE'S INFORMATION SERVICES,  
a New Jersey limited liability company dba  
Arizona Clipping Service; et al.,

Defendants - Appellees,

BRIAN E. FINANDER,

Real-party-in-interest - Appellant.

No. 02-16844

D.C. No. CV-00-00365-ROS

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the District of Arizona  
Roslyn O. Silver, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted October 8, 2003\*\*  
San Francisco, California

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\*\* This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Before: PREGERSON, BEAM,<sup>\*\*\*</sup> and PAEZ, Circuit Judges.

Appellant Brian Finander appeals from the August 9, 2002, district court order awarding fees and costs as sanctions against Appellant and his law firm in the amount of \$9,476.88. We find no abuse of discretion in the district court's imposition of attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$9,476.88 against counsel Brian E. Finander and the Law Corporation of Brian Finander, P.C., jointly and severally. Patelco Credit Union v. Sahni, 262 F.3d 897, 912-13 (9th Cir. 2001) ("A district court's sanction order is reviewed for abuse of discretion whether imposed pursuant to Rule 11, Rule 37, or 28 U.S.C. § 1927.").

**AFFIRMED.**

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Honorable C. Arlen Beam, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, sitting by designation.